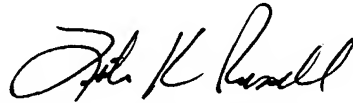


REMARKS

Prior to the initial examination of the present application, Applicants wish to have this amendment entered which makes a few revisions to the specification, but adds no new subject matter to the application. Additionally, the multiple dependent claims have been converted to the US format of single dependency.

Given the above amendments to the claims and the comments herein, Applicants respectfully request notice of allowance of all pending claims at the earliest convenience. However, should the Examiner envision further rejection or comment, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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